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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): In an operating system configured to support a plurality of file types, a method for displaying a plurality of files, a first file having a first file type and a second file having a second file type, wherein a set of relevant ~~textual~~ properties of each file type is stored by the operating system, the method comprising:

   ~~receiving a first user selection of~~ associating a first ~~textual~~ property ~~for~~ with the first file type;

   ~~receiving a second user selection of~~ associating a second ~~textual~~ property ~~for~~ with the second file type, wherein the second ~~textual~~ property is different from the first ~~textual~~ property;

   displaying a first value of the ~~selected~~ first ~~textual~~ property at a location relative to a first graphical representation of the first file; and

   displaying a second value of the ~~selected~~ second ~~textual~~ property at the same location relative to a second graphical representation of the second file.

Claim 21-26 (Cancelled)

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Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A method for displaying items in a computer operating system, the method comprising the steps of:

associating a first item type with a first property;

associating a second item type with a second property, wherein the first property is different from the second property and not associated with the second item type;

displaying a plurality of items, wherein the plurality of items comprises a first item of the first item type and a second item of the second item type;

displaying for each item in the listing a graphical representation, a name, and a slot;

displaying in the slot of the first item a ~~textual~~ value for the first property of the first item; and

displaying in the slot of the second item a ~~textual~~ value for the second property of the second item.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 27, wherein the first item type comprises a first file format and the second item type comprises a second file format.

Claim 29 (New): The method of claim 20, wherein all files having the first file type are displayed such that the value of the first property of the file is displayed in the same location relative to the graphical representation of the file.

Claim 30 (New): The method of claim 29, wherein the first property and the second property are textual properties.

Claim 31 (New): The method of claim 29, wherein the set of relevant properties for the first file type is different from the set of relevant properties for the second file type.

Claim 32 (New): The method of claim 29, wherein the set of relevant properties for the first file type are user-selectable.

Claim 33 (New): The method of claim 27, wherein all items of the first item type are displayed such that the value of the first property of the item is displayed in the slot of the item.

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Claim 34 (New): The method of claim 33, wherein the first property and the second property are textual properties.

Claim 35 (New): The method of claim 33, wherein the first property and the second property are user-selectable.

Claim 36 (New): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

 associating a first file type with a first property;

 associating a second file type with a second property, wherein the first property is different from the second property and not associated with the second file type;

 displaying a plurality of files, wherein the plurality of files comprises a first file of the first file type and a second file of the second file type;

 displaying for each file in the plurality of files a graphical representation of the file;

 displaying a first value of the first property at a location relative to the graphical representation of the first file; and

 displaying a second value of the second property at the same location relative to the graphical representation of the second file.

Claim 37 (New): The computer-readable medium of claim 36, wherein all files having the first file type are displayed such that the value of the first property of the file is displayed in the same location relative to the graphical representation of the file.

Claim 38 (New): The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the first property and the second property are textual properties.

Claim 39 (New): The method of claim 37, wherein the first property and the second property are user-selectable.